

FOREWORD

An increasing number of studies have focused on the growth of service contracting within the government. In March, 2001, the Department of Defense reported that compensation to contractor employees performing on DOD contracts totaled more than \$71 billion. Not surprisingly, therefore, the efficient administration of service contracts is deemed essential to the success of the unique and varied missions performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

This pamphlet is intended to provide guidance to all USACE elements involved in service contracting. The pamphlet provides information relating to the applicability of the Service Contract Act of 1965 as well as the procedures by which the Act is implemented in USACE service contracting activities.

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